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SUBJECT: RYSZARD WOJNA ON THE SOVIET ALLIANCE IN PRAVDA

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1. SUMMARY-IN MARCH 10 PRAVDA ARTICLE OSTENSIBLY DEVOTED TO LESSONS OF SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS FOR "PUBLICISTS" LIKE HIMSELF, POLISH GERMAN EXPERT RYSZARD WOJNA SPENDS MOST OF HIS SPACE MAKING THE POINT THAT RISING SOVIET (AND "SOCIALIST") WORLD POWER IS PRECONDITION AND GUARANTOR OF CONTINUING DETENTE IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. SINCE WOJNA WAS INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATION AND DEFENSE OF 1970 POLISH-FRG AGREEMENTS ON THE WINNING SIDE, IT OCCURS TO US THAT PUTTING THIS MESSAGE IN HIS MOUTH ON THE EVE OF BUNDESRAT VOTE ON PENSION AGREEMENT IS MEANT TO TELL WEST GERMANS AS WELL AS SOVIETS THAT POLAND CAN STAND A NEGATIVE OR INCONCLUSIVE VOTE, IN COMPANY WITH THE SOVIET UNION, IF IT HAS TO. END SUMMARY

2. ON MORROW OF OLSZOWSKI'S STATMENT AND EVE OF BUNDESRAT VOTE ON POLISH-FRG PENSION AGREEMENT, PRAVDA MARCH 10 CARRIES AN EXTENDED COMMENTRY ON BENEFICIAL EFFECTS ON SOVIET 25TH PARTY
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CONGRESS BY RYSZARD WOJNA, WHO IS BILLED AS "MBMER OF THE PZPR CC,

PUBLICISTS."

3. FORMALLY, WOJNA'S ARTICLE IS OF A PIECE WITH THE IZVESTIYA ARTICLE MARCH 4 BY THE HEAD OF THE PARTY ORGANIZATION IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK WRITERS' UNION (MOSCOW 3480), AND CONCLUDES WITH THE SAME POINT: THE OBJECTIVE PROGRESS OF IDEOLOGICAL COORDINATION WITHIN THE "SOCIALIST COMMUNITY" MAKES IT INCUMBENT ON WRITERS TO EXTEND THEMSELVES BEYOND THEIR NARROW SPECIALITIES -- "THE POLITICO-DIPLOMATIC SPHERE", IN WOJNA'S CASE -- TO THE "SPHERE OF SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS". WOJNA ALSO HAS KIND WORDS FOR "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM", WHICH GIEREK OMITTED FROM HIS SPEECH TO THE SOVIET CONGRESS BUT PICKED UP WHEN HE WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF "REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRATERNAL PARTIES" IN RESPONSE TO BREZHNEV'S GREETINGS AT THE KREMLIN RECEPTION FOR VISITING DELEGATIONS MARCH 5 (AS REPORTED IN SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS MARCH 6). "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" IS OBVIOUSLY THE WAVE OF THE NEAR FUTURE IN EAST EUROPEAN RHETORIC, IN RESPONSE TO THE DIVERSITY DISPLAYED AT THE CONGRESS ITSELF. MARCH 10 LITERATURNAYA GAZETA CARRIES A VERITABLE BARTLETT'S OF REFERENCES TO BOTH PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AND ANTI-SOVIETISM CULLED FROM CONGRESS SPEECHIFYING BY ITS EDITORS (AND THEREFORE WITHOUT GIEREK).

4. AT SAME TIME, BULK OF WOJNA'S PIECE IS DEVOTED TO RISE OF SOVIET (AND "SOCIALIST") POWER IN THE WORLD AS THE PRECONDITION AND GUARANTOR OF CONTINUING DETENTE IN EAST-WEST REALTIONS, SPRINKLED WITH REFERENCES TO BREZHNEV. ADDRESSES ARE BETTER ABLE TO JUDGE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHOOSING WOJNA TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE AT THIS TIME, BUT IT OCCURS TO US THAT A MAN WHO WAS INTIMATELY ASSOCIATED WITH NEGOTIATION OF 1970 POLISH-FRG AGREEMENTS AT POLICY LEVEL -- AND WAS PUSHING FOR THEM -- IS PROBABLY MEANT TO BE ADDRESSING WEST GERMANS AS WELL AS SOVIETS. WHAT HE SEEMS TO BE SAYING IS THAT POLAND IS BUOYED UP BY THE SOVIET ALLIANCE AND CAN STAND A VOTE WHICH IS NEGATIVE (OR INCONCLUSIVE, WHICH COMES TO THE SAME POLITICALLY), IF IT HAS TO. THIS IN ITSELF MAY NOT BE NEWS TO EITHER THE SOVIETS OR THE WEST GERMANS, BUT PUTTING IT IN WOJNA' MOUTH MAKES IT A MOUTHFUL.

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